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PIONEERS - INDIAN WAR VETERANS - SIXTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, HEBER, UTAH, AUGUST 1927

Pioneers, Indian War Veterans, Sixth Annual Encampment, Heber City, Aug. 2-5, 1927.

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them, then headed their way. Within minutes, neighbors, strangers and friends from across town were helping them hose down their roofs and parched lawns.

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By dusk, the professional fire crews and aircraft had begun to arrive from out of town, taken over command, and set up a command post at the Wasatch Mountain State Park.

Once the fire was contained, deputies, Utah Highway Patrol troopers, and firefighters secured the burned cabin area to prevent looting until the cabin owners had time to salvage whatever they could. Thacker said some of the property owners became angry because they weren't allowed in without answering questions.

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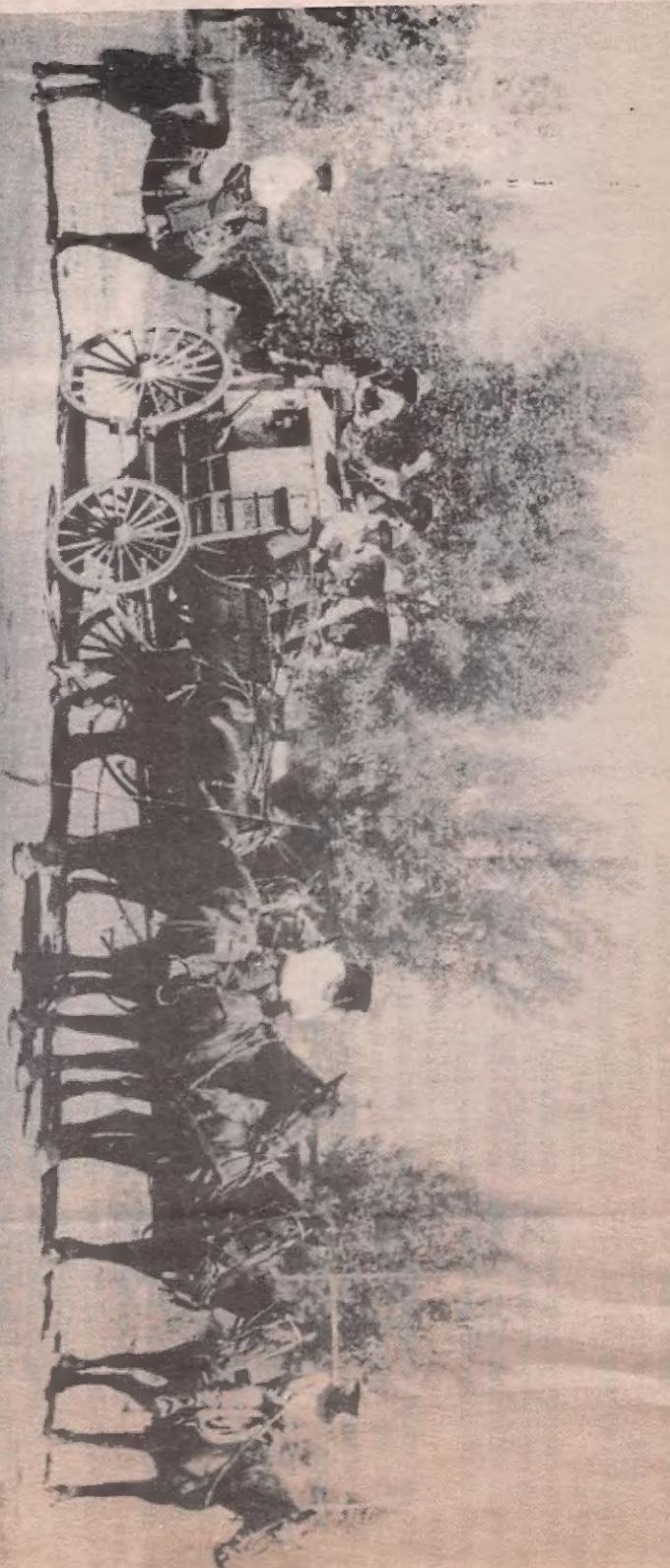
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